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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501 August 20, 2009

The Honorable Tom Vilsack Secretary United States Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Ave, SW Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

As you know, the State of Iowa has suffered from severe storms again this summer which has damaged crops and resulted in production losses. While I am encouraged that many producers in Iowa have purchased crop insurance for their own risk management, disaster declarations from your office are still needed.

I write in support of Governor Chet Culver's August 20, 2009 request for Secretarial disaster declarations for the following counties: Calhoun, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Ida, Sac, Webster and Woodbury. Producers need to know that when the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance (SURE) becomes finalized later this year that they will be eligible to receive support.

Thank you for your timely consideration of Governor Culver's request.

Sincerely,

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